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This is perfection!  
I'm officiating my first wedding tomorrow, and I have clarity now!

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Bart (<https://miracle-moments.co.uk/>) 3:48 pm on Mar. 19, 2018  
(<https://offbeatbride.com/nontraditional-non-religious-wedding-ceremony-script/#comment-861765>)  
Such a fantastic place, and beautiful wedding <3 !!!

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windows ([http://www.jingying1.com/activityread/read19\\_3854](http://www.jingying1.com/activityread/read19_3854).) 7:00 pm on May. 22, 2018 (<https://offbeatbride.com/nontraditional-non-religious-wedding-ceremony-script/#comment-879336>)  
After I initially left a comment I seem to have clicked the -Notify me when new comments are added- checkbox and now whenever a comment is added I receive four emails with the exact same comment.  
Perhaps there is a way you can remove me from that service? Cheers!

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Samantha Call 12:23 pm on Jul. 10, 2018 (<https://offbeatbride.com/nontraditional-non-religious-wedding-ceremony-script/#comment-895642>)  
It's amazing how many of the comments echo my own thoughts; that this ceremony is just perfect. I've been searching online for inspiration to write our ceremony and quite frankly I'm just going to steal most of this! I've just tried re-writing it, but it feels like it's already mostly in my own words! And best of all, I was trying to work out how to add a toast into our wedding as we're not having speeches, so ending the ceremony with one is a great idea! Thank you for the inspiration xxx

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I love this so much! It is exactly what I was looking for, and I plan to use most (if not all) of it for our ceremony next spring! Thank you for sharing.

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Suzanne 11:32 am on Aug. 18, 2018 (<https://offbeatbride.com/nontraditional-non-religious-wedding-ceremony-script/#comment-918204>)

We'd like to use some of this for our ceremony. Offbeat Bride, how would you like to be credited?

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Mallory 12:16 pm on Aug. 18, 2018 (<https://offbeatbride.com/nontraditional-non-religious-wedding-ceremony-script/#comment-918240>)

Hey Suzanne! I wrote this- no credit needed. You're so thoughtful for asking. Glad you are able to use it and congratulations on your wedding!

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Cortney 11:24 am on Sep. 2, 2018 (<https://offbeatbride.com/nontraditional-non-religious-wedding-ceremony-script/#comment-936413>)

I will echo everyone else, this ceremony is beautiful!!! I am not a writer, and you were able to take my feelings and put them to words. THANK YOU for sharing this so we can all borrow from it!!!

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Ria 10:10 am on Dec. 22, 2018 (<https://offbeatbride.com/nontraditional-non-religious-wedding-ceremony-script/#comment-1088927>)

Thank you for this! I love the toast part!

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David Wilkins (<https://www.cornwall-wedding-photographer.co.uk/>) 5:48 am on Mar 18



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Haley 9:33 pm on Jun. 17, 2019 (<https://offbeatbride.com/nontraditional-non-religious-wedding-ceremony-script/#comment-1246810>)

Thank you for sharing your beautifully written ceremony script! We borrowed quite a bit of this for our own wedding and are so grateful to have found this while planning.

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Anne 7:28 am on Sep. 4, 2019 (<https://offbeatbride.com/nontraditional-non-religious-wedding-ceremony-script/#comment-1276295>)

A huge thank you for sharing this! I officiated my best friend's wedding two weeks ago and this definitely helped my get my ideas in order. It is beautifully written and perfectly funny. Thank you xx

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Aug 6, 2007 ... These things matter to us here at Offbeat Bride, and we're betting they matter to you too. STEP 2: **Get** support. Another things we love about ...

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 Search for **get ordained** on Google (<https://www.google.com/search?client=ms-google-coop&q=get+ordained&cx=017084245293590213244:w-wped9kpqo>)

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# Ashley & Eric's Wedding in a Bar

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**The Offbeat Bride:** Ashley, teacher

**Her offbeat partner:** Eric, web developer

**Date and location of wedding:** The Bottom Lounge (<http://www.bottomlounge.com>), Chicago, IL — October 8, 2011

**Our offbeat wedding at a glance:** We wanted to have fun, but still treat the day with some level of gravity. We ditched some things (flowers), while going completely overboard on others (fancy craft beer). We designed and assembled children's book pop-up invitations. We opted out of wedding formal wear and designed our own outfits instead. We picked colors, then let our wedding party wear whatever the hell they wanted. We rented a bus with skulls and demons painted all over it. Our friend got ordained via the internet and gave us a surprise ceremony that was funny and thoughtful. Handmade and personal touches really reflected our personalities, and we had a ton of fun! We drank beer and ate Chicago-style pizza for dinner with our friends and family.





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**Tell us about the ceremony:** We decided to hold our ceremony in the same bar where we were having our reception. Since we were planning on a short ceremony, we provided chairs for our immediate family, and had everyone else stand. Our guests parted to create an aisle for us to get to the stage. The ceremony was easily the funniest I've ever heard (which I take no credit for; it was all our clever officiant). Our friend Chuck read "I Like You ([http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0395071763/ref=as\\_li\\_ss\\_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=swinthst-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0395071763](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0395071763/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=swinthst-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0395071763))" by Sandol Stoddard Warburg and our friend Jessica did a fabulous interpretation of Taylor Mali's "Falling in Love is Like Owning a Dog (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LcYt7qZhOs>)."

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In a moment of drunken genius at a party months before the wedding, we paid for our friend TJ to get ordained online so he could officiate. Beforehand, we shared our vision and preferences with him, and let him do his own thing as far as what he would say. We had no idea what he would talk about during the ceremony — it was a complete surprise! It was funny, involved hilarious and obscure nerdy references, veered into Comedy Central Roast ([http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B004UEJZFS/ref=as\\_li\\_ss\\_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=swinthst-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B004UEJZFS](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B004UEJZFS/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=swinthst-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B004UEJZFS)) territory for a few terrifying moments, and was cute without being cloying. Best lines:



*"You belong together like Bill & Ted*

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*May your lifelong partnership be filled with success and joy, especially if it involves the two of you fighting together in a zombie takeover, nuclear wasteland, or other post-apocalyptic scenario."*

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We played rock, paper, scissors (<http://offbeatbride.com/tag/rock-paper-scissors>) to decide on who read our original vows first. We did a wine box ceremony (<http://offbeatbride.com/tag/wine-ceremony>) — Eric's mom chose a wine, my mom chose wine glasses, and Eric and I wrote letters to each other to include. Our dads started the screws that hold on the lid of the box. We'll open the box each anniversary and drink our wine while reading our letters. Then we will put in a new wine bottle and a new set of letters, and seal it until the next year.



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After we exchanged rings, TJ, our officiant, announced, "Do you feel it? Ashley and Eric's relationship has just gotten stronger. It's as if...they've just gained a level! By the power vested in me by the internet, I now pronounce you husband and wife. May the Force be with you."



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**Our biggest challenge:** We live in Pennsylvania, but got married in Chicago because we are both originally from the midwest, and have lots of good memories in Chicago. With our schedules, it is difficult to travel back and forth, so we did most of our planning online and via phone. We were masters of group emails, Google Docs spreadsheets, Flickr, and Evernote (<http://offbeatbride.com/2012/07/choosing-your-electronic-wedding-planning-tools>). This allowed me to stay in touch with my seamstress (we had exactly TWO in person fittings before the wedding) and our venue coordinator (whom we met with ONCE in person before the day).





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**My favorite moment:** We chose to write our own vows. Eric's were funny and adorable, "On those days we are both too hungover to move, I always promise to go get you KFC." He got choked up during his vows, and the audience audibly and collectively went "awwwwww." During my vows, I also promised to bring him KFC when we were hungover, which was hilarious since we hadn't shared our vows with each other beforehand.



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**My funniest moment:** Chuck, one of our readers, seemed unsure whether the reading was about my relationship with Eric, or Chuck's relationship with one of us. The way he interpreted it made the reading seem like we were tricking him into hitting on one or both of us. This made the reading 100% funnier. I have hilariously awful pictures of me laughing so hard at Chuck that my tonsils are visible in the picture.



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My four-year-old niece (who was onstage as a flower girl) yelled "Banana Pants!" during the ceremony while doing a dance.



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**Was there anything you were sure was going to be a total disaster that unexpectedly turned out great?** Unbeknownst to us, the Chicago marathon was the same weekend as our wedding. We discovered this when we had trouble finding blocks of hotel rooms for our guests. I had visions of booked hotels, traffic jams, and a destroyed schedule. We managed to find a hotel in the suburbs (silver lining: much cheaper). Luckily, we left the transportation to a pro (the coolest punk-rock bus driver EVER), and he dropped us off at a nearby corner when traffic downtown was too packed to get us closer to the park we were taking pictures in.



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Once we were off the bus, we couldn't get across the street due to an Occupy Chicago parade/demonstration. Instead of stressing me out (which is what I expected), I actually found it really hilarious, and we got some memorable pictures. After about ten minutes, we managed to cross between an anti-war group and a herd of police. We couldn't get a shot of ourselves with the bean (aka Cloud Gate) without a swarm of tourists, but our photographer made it look intentional. The rest of the day magically went off without any delays!





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**My advice for Offbeat Brides:** Sit down with your partner and come up with things that are important to you and things that aren't. There were things I didn't care one way or another about that were extremely important to him, and if I had planned without his input, I would have left them out (and vice versa). Similarly, get some input from your families. You don't have to implement everything, but we found that our families really wanted certain things that we weren't opposed to, but would have definitely gotten dropped if we hadn't made an effort. The only thing my mom cared about for the entire day was that we didn't smash cake in each others' faces — Eric and I didn't have a preference between eating and smashing, so it was one less decision we had to make, and it was easy to make my mom happy.



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**What was the most important lesson you learned from your wedding?** People are unbelievably generous and helpful. I'm guilty of being a pretty hardcore cynic most of the time, but even I had to admit that the love, help, and support we got was incredible. Our family, friends, and even relative strangers who became our vendors were willing to go the extra mile to help us out. We had an army of friends and family who assembled invitations and decor; a friend who gifted the design and labor in creating my wedding dress; family that baked, decorated, and transported a wedding cake; friends who did hair and make-up; a friend who designed, sculpted and painted our cake topper; family that surprised us with an extra special engraving on our wine box, friends and family who traveled several states away to attend our wedding, vendors who gave deals and came up with creative ways to save us money, and countless people who put up with our whining, obsessing, and constant emailing in the days and months leading up to the wedding.



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### **Care to share a few vendor/shopping links?**

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Ty 6:40 am on Jan. 10, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190703>)

I would attend this wedding every weekend... a cool bar \*and\* deep dish pizza. Amazing.

Also I adore your dress – it is absolutely brilliant!

REPLY

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Jossienha 7:38 am on Jan. 10, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190708>)

What a cool wedding! Congratulations! I absolutely LOVE the dress! Gorgeous!

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Megan (<http://megansbeadeddesigns.etsy.com>) 9:17 am on Jan. 10, 2013

(<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190716>)

This is the kind of fun wedding everyone will be talking about for YEARS afterwards! How awesome!

(And the food looks DELICIOUS!)

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xray-specs 11:36 am on Jan. 10, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190730>)

your dress is sooooooo pretty and your wedding looks like so much fun

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Colleen 12:52 pm on Jan. 10, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190740>)

This post makes me unbelievably happy because it's the same basic idea I want for my wedding (something simple, in a bar, friends and family). And clearly not a ridiculously lavish Chicago wedding (the only things I've been able to find so far). THANK YOU!!!! 😊 <3 <3



REPLY

Saeri 9:36 pm on Jan. 10, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190787>)

I had a totally different sort of wedding than a bar wedding (though this also looked awesome!), but I also had a non-lavish Chicago wedding which I linked here in case it helps you with any ideas. My husband and I have helped plan events for years if you want any help or advice with yours! 😊 (<http://offbeatbride.com/2012/10/chicago-forest-wedding>) (<http://offbeatbride.com/2012/10/chicago-forest-wedding>)

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lks.ahhm 1:00 pm on Jan. 10, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190742>)

This looks like it was such a fun, relaxed wedding! I absolutely love the ticket seating cards – my fiancé and I are doing a "books-to-movies" theme and are thinking of sending out ticket-style invites =)

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Heather 1:36 pm on Jan. 10, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190751>)

I know the wedding dress designer/seamstress. It is beautiful!!! Good job Victoria. I love this wedding story! What a great, fun wedding. Each wedding should be about the couple. Couples are not cookie cutter, so weddings shouldn't be!!

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tina hopkins (<http://ericandashleysweddingatthebottombar>) 5:19 pm on Jan. 10, 2013

(<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190768>)

I only wish I was there ..love you

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Susan (<http://trulymadlysusan.tumblr.com>) 5:01 am on Jan. 11, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190804>)

Love your dress!!

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Darcy (<http://pinterest.com/vegansinlovexo/wedding-ideas/>) 2:53 pm on Jan. 11, 2013

(<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190887>)



This post made me really happy. Sounds like an awesome time. Love the bus!!! And love the wine box idea — somehow despite all my time on OBB, I've missed this whole idea! I got married already, but I think I'll craft one of these for our 1-year anniversary! I'm so excited, so thanks for the idea!!

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Ariel Meadow Stallings 4:46 pm on Jan. 11, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-190903>)

For anyone else who may have missed it... READ UP: <http://offbeatbride.com/tag/wine-box> (<http://offbeatbride.com/tag/wine-box>) 😊😊

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HBI 5:58 pm on Jan. 14, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-191087>)

From one Chicago bride to another, congratulations!! Your wedding was beautiful and amazing. Many happy years together!!

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Brooke 3:14 pm on Jan. 19, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-191693>)

We considered having our wedding/reception in a bar (the one where we met)!

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Sarah 8:52 am on Jan. 28, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-192315>)

Looks like an awesome wedding of a cool couple. Can you do it again next year and invite me? The photos are beautiful and give me a serious case of dress envy.

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Brittany 2:11 pm on Jan. 31, 2013 (<https://offbeatbride.com/chicago-bar-wedding/#comment-192612>)

We love the dress! It is so cool that you all picked out your own outfits.

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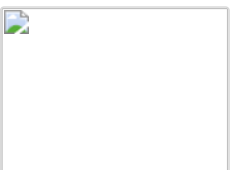
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